

**TELECONFERENCE SUMMARY
FERNALD NATURAL RESOURCE TRUSTEES
OCTOBER 16, 2002**

Attendees: Joe Bartoszek (OEPA)
Donna Bohannon (OEPA)
Bill Kurey (FWS)
Tom Schneider (OEPA)
Eric Woods (Fluor Fernald)
Pete Yerace (DOE)

1. The date for the next NRT meeting was set for October 30, 2002 at 9:30 at the FEMP. It was agreed that the Agenda would include time to look at progress in the field on the SWU and Northern Pines Restoration Projects.
2. The use of the C-350 Erosion Matting in the Northern Pine Plantation Restoration Project was discussed by the NRTs. The NRRDP currently specifies the use of the C-350 erosion matting or equivalent. OEPA expressed concerns with the use of C-350 due to the layers of plastic contained in the material. It was explained that the material was specified for erosion control due to the anticipated flows out of the basins in the to be created in the Northern Pines. Concerns also were expressed by OEPA and U.S. F&WS regarding persistence of the material and the potential for entrapment of wildlife. DOE indicated that entrapment was unlikely due to the amount and frequency of stitching in the material and that the material should not be visible after vegetation has established. It was agreed that Fluor Fernald Engineering would prepare calculations on anticipated flows out of the basins in the next two weeks. The calculations would be shared with the NRTs and a decision on whether use of the material was justified based on anticipated flow would be made.
3. DOE proposed the seeding of several clover species in the pathways in the Northern Pines as a way to draw deer away from planted areas. DOE explained that food plots had been used in multiple locations as a method to attract/divert deer. It was explained that the proposal was supported by the Fluor Fernald Deer Consultant. Concerns were raised by OEPA on the potential for seeded clover to invade surrounding areas to be seeded with prairie grasses. The question of persistence of the clover was also raised and DOE explained that literature supported the fact that the clover would not persist beyond a couple of years. It was agreed that DOE would issue the proposed seed mix (with scientific names and seed rates), along with literature supporting the lack of persistence, and a decision would be made after evaluation by the NRTs.

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